

**REMARKS**

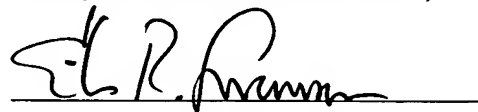
Claims 1-9 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP03/02381 have been canceled, and new claims 10-28 have been added to adapt the claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice. Appropriate amendments were made to the specification and abstract for the same purpose. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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